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TITLE: Apparatus and method for null representation in database object storage

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ABSTRACT:

An apparatus and process for storing representations of information objects having null values in a database are disclosed. A null object is established in memory associated with an information-bearing object. The null object has an attribute null value corresponding to each data-bearing attribute of the information-bearing object. Each attribute null value is set to a value indicating whether the corresponding attribute of the information-bearing object is null, not null, or not capable of having a null value. The null object also has an atomic null value that indicates whether the entire information-bearing object is null. When the information-bearing object is to be accessed, the null object is first accessed to determine whether the entire information-bearing object or any attributes thereof are null. Accordingly, unnecessary retrieval and manipulation of the information-bearing object is avoided.

45 Claims, 12 Drawing figures

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PARENT-CASE:

RELATED APPLICATION The present application is related to U.S. patent application Ser. No. 08/961,740, entitled "REFERENCES TO GLOBAL DATABASE OBJECTS", pending filed by Chin-Heng Hong, Sudheer Thakur, Anil Nori, Joyo Wijaya, on the equal day herewith, the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference. U.S. patent application Ser. No. 08/961,794, entitled "APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PICKLING DATA", pending filed by John Wiesz, on the equal day herewith, the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference. U.S. patent application Ser. No. 08/962,409, entitled "APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR OBJECT REPRESENTATION AND STORAGE IN A RELATIONAL DATABASE SYSTEM", pending filed by Anil Nori, John Weisz, Vikas Arora, Subramanian Muralidhar, on the equal day herewith, herein referred to as, the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference. U.S. patent application Ser. No. 08/962,535, entitled "APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR STORAGE OF OBJECT COLLECTIONS IN A DATABASE SYSTEM", pending filed by Anil Nori, Vishu Krishnamurthy, Vikas Arora, Srinath Krishnaswamy, on the equal day herewith, the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference. U.S. patent application Ser. No. 08/962,416, entitled "APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR NULL REPRESENTATION IN DATABASE OBJECT STORAGE", pending filed by Anil Nori, John Weisz, Subramanian Muralidhar, on the equal day herewith, the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.

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ABSTRACT:

A method and apparatus for presenting and modifying data from a set of tables in a database is provided. A view that is defined is based on a set of one or more tables that may include relational tables or object tables. The view defines a presentation of data from the one or more tables as a set of objects that reside in the database. Data is read from the one or more rows of the tables based on the view, and is presented as a set of objects that reside in the database. An object id that is based on data from the one or more rows is generated and associated with each object presented. The view may specify which columns from the one or more

tables contain values used to generate the object ids. A trigger may associated with the view. The set of objects presented may be presented as objects having an attribute that is a column object. Column objects include user specified object types, collection objects (e.g. nested tables and variable arrays), or references to objects.

39 Claims, 20 Drawing figures

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TITLE: Apparatus and method which features linearizing attributes of an information object into a string of bytes for object representation and storage in a database system

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ART-UNIT: 271

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ABSTRACT:

An apparatus and process for storing information objects in a database are disclosed. An information object, instantiated according to an abstract data type having a plurality of attributes, is pickled into an image that contains all values stored in the object in a linearized representation. In one embodiment, the entire image is stored in a single column of a table of the database. In another embodiment, each portion of the image associated with one of the attributes is stored in a separate column of the database table.

23 Claims, 12 Drawing figures

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